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SUBJECT: UNCTAD-PREPCOM ON HARD FIBERS

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1. BRIEF TALKS WITH BELGIAN AND BRAZILIAN FAO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WENT TO UNCTAD PREPCOM ON HARD FIBERS INDICATED SOME DISMAY OVER TOUGH U.S. POSITION AT END OF MEETING. NEITHER KNEW EXACTLY WHAT NEXT STEPS ARE. BRITO PLANS TO TALK WITH OTHER SISAL PRODUCERS AT FAO IG ON HARD FIBERS IN NEW DELHI MARCH 14-19. OPES OF FAO SECRETARIAT POINTED OUT IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR PRODUCERS TO MEET FOR HALF A DAY.

2. LAMADE, OTHER FAO HARD FIBERS EXPERT, NOTED THAT IG AGENDA WILL INCLUDE AN ITEM ON UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS. DEPENDING ON MEMBERS, THIS COULD BE A CHANCE TO ORGANIZE FUTURE WORK FOR UNCTAD EXPERT MEETING IN JUNE 1977. AS LAMADE PUT IT, IF UNCTAD CAN'T DO
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ANYTHING, THEN FAO CAN PROCEED ON ITS WORK WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT UNCTAD.

3. BRITO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTION FOR UNCTAD PREPCOM. HARD FIBER PAPER PRODUCED BY UNCTAD AND FAO WAS TERRIBLE, BUT SINCE BRAZILIAN DIDN'T RECEIVE IT BEFORE NOBODY PAID MUCH

ATTENTION TO IT. HE HAD HOPED TO GET THROUGH MEETING WITHOUT
DEALING WITH SPECIFICS OF HARD FIBERS AND WITHOUT CLASH.
NEXT STEP AS FAR AS SISAL IS CONCERNED IS FOR BRAZIL AND
TANZANIA TO WORK OUT WHAT THEY WANT QUIETLY WITHOUT INFLUENCES
OF UNCTAD. BEAUDRY

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